AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Original) An image processing method comprising the steps of:

instructing editing according to a sensation expression for an image;

generating a general sensation expression script based on the content of the editing instruction; and

obtaining processed image data by carrying out image processing on image data representing the image, based on the general sensation expression script.

2.   (Original) An image processing method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the image processing is carried out on the image data based on an output condition used at the time of outputting the processed image data.

3.   (Original) An image processing system comprising:

editing instruction means for instructing editing for an image according to a sensation expression;

script generating means for generating a general sensation expression script based on the content of the editing instruction; and

image processing means for obtaining processed image data by carrying out image processing on image data representing the image, based on the general sensation expression script.

4. (Original) An image processing system according to Claim 3, wherein the image processing means carries out image processing on the image data, based on an output condition used at the time of outputting the processed image data.

5. (Original) An editing instruction apparatus comprising:

editing instruction means for instructing editing for an image according to a sensation expression; and

script generating means for generating a general sensation expression script based on the content of the editing instruction.

6. (Original) An image processing apparatus comprising image processing means for obtaining processed image data by carrying out image processing on image data representing the image based on the general sensation expression script obtained by the editing instruction apparatus according to Claim 5.

7. (Original) An image processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the image processing means carries out image processing on the image data, based on an output condition used at

the time of outputting the processed image data.

8.   (Original) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute the procedures of:

instructing editing for an image according to a sensation expression; and

generating a general sensation expression script based on the content of the editing instruction.

9.   (Original) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute the procedure of carrying out image processing on image data representing the image, based on the general sensation expression script obtained by the editing instruction apparatus according to Claim 5.

10.   (Original) A computer-readable recording medium as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the procedure of carrying out image processing is a procedure of carrying out image processing on the image data, based on an output condition used at the time of outputting the processed image data.

11. (New) An image processing method as claimed in claim 1, including the additional steps of:

displaying the image on a screen;

receiving a user input indicating a desired processing effect for the displayed image wherein the sensation expression is based on the user input; and

generating processed image data in accordance with said instructing to achieve said desired processing effect, said steps of displaying, receiving, instructing and generating being repeated until a suitable image display is achieved;

wherein said displayed image is corrected based on input conditions affecting the user's perception of said displayed image, such that said general sensation expression script excludes correction amounts based on said input conditions.

12. (New) An image processing system according to claim 3, including:

a display device for displaying the image based on input image data;

a user input device for receiving a user input indicating a desired processing effect for the displayed image, the editing instruction means instructing editing for the image based on said user input; and

means for generating processed image data in accordance with said instructing to achieve said desired processing effect, said operations of displaying, receiving, instructing, and generating being repeated until a suitable image display is achieved;

wherein said displayed image is corrected based on input conditions affecting the user's perception of said displayed image, such that said general sensation expression script excludes correction amounts based on said input conditions.

13. (New) An editing instruction apparatus according to claim 5 including:

a display device for displaying the image based on input image data;

a user input device for receiving a user input indicating a desired processing effect for the displayed image; and

means for generating processed image data in accordance with said instructing to achieve said desired processing effect, said operations of displaying, receiving, instructing, and generating being repeated until a suitable image display is achieved;

wherein said displayed image is corrected based on input conditions affecting the user's perception of said displayed image, such that said general sensation expression script excludes correction amounts based on said input conditions.

14. (New) The computer-readable recording medium storing a program of claim 8 wherein the procedure comprises the additional steps of:

displaying the image on a display device based on input image data;

receiving a user input indicating a desired processing effect for the displayed image and instructing editing based on the user input; and

generating processed image data in accordance with said instructing to achieve said desired processing effect, said steps of displaying, receiving, instructing, and generating being repeated until a suitable image display is achieved;

wherein said displayed image is corrected based on input conditions affecting the user's perception of said displayed image, such that said general sensation expression script excludes correction amounts based on said input conditions.

15. (New) The image processing method according to claim 11, wherein said input conditions include at least one of a display device characteristic, a viewing environment characteristic, and a user characteristic.

16. (New) The image processing method according to claim 15, wherein said input conditions include a user characteristic derived during a learning operation.

17. (New) The image processing system according to claim 12, wherein said input conditions include at least one of a display device characteristic, a viewing environment characteristic, and a user characteristic.

18. (New) The image processing system according to claim 13, wherein said input conditions include a user characteristic derived during a learning operation.

19. (New) The invention according to claim 14, wherein said input conditions include at least one of a display device characteristic, a viewing environment characteristic, and a user characteristic.

20. (New) The invention according to claim 19, wherein said input conditions include a user characteristic derived during a learning operation.